

COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)CLASSIFICATION SECURITY INFORMATIONREPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Soviet Troops at Stammersdorf and BadenEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to 10 February 1952, a former barracks installation near Stammersdorf (P 49/S 40) was occupied by an undetermined number of Soviet troops. The installation is situated about 2 km southeast of the Stammersdorf railroad station on the north side of Gerasdorfer Strasse and south of the Floridsdorfer Zentralfriedhof (cemetery). Gerasdorfer Strasse branches off Bruenner Strasse in Gross-Jedlersdorf (P 49/S 40), and Bruenner Strasse extends toward Stammersdorf. The main gate of the barracks installation faced Gerasdorfer Strasse. Four tank sheds and garage buildings, which were partially used as troop billets, were located along the street. Numerous tanks and an undetermined number of trucks were observed through the open doors of the garages. One tank which stood in the barracks yard [REDACTED]. All tanks and trucks were exceptionally clean. Some soldiers observed in the billeting area wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A four-story ruin and a gutted four-story building were situated behind the garages. More tank sheds and garages for motor vehicles were located along the rear boundary of the billeting area. The eastern section of the installation contained a workshop. \* [REDACTED] the barracks installation had 25X1 been totally destroyed by bombing during the war and had been only partially reconstructed by Soviet troops. [REDACTED] the ground floor 25X1 of the buildings there were used as garages and the top floors as troop billets. Officers were billeted in a private house opposite the barracks installation on the south side of Gerasdorfer Strasse.

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2. On 26 February, a heavy tank and a model SU -100 SP gun were observed in the yard of the Flak Kaserne, Baden (O 49/X 37) which is located on the road to Spas (O 48/X 36). Twenty-seven officers with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were seen practicing with maps under the command of a lieutenant colonel in the area near the installation. Jeep [REDACTED] left the Flak Kaserne. \*\*

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3. A military compound of two low wooden barracks buildings topped by an unusually large number of lightning rods was observed on the west side of Voelzlauer Strasse in Baden, about 50 meters from the street and north of building 92 on Voelzlauer Strasse. The entrances of the compound were marked by signboards bearing the inscription "this area is off limits". The sentry at the gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. The whole compound was on the site of a former barrack installation, the foundations of which were still recognizable.

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4. The radio station previously observed in a one family house on the southern perimeter of Soos, east of the road, was no longer there on 26 February. All wires and the antenna had been removed. However, source did not have the impression that the house had been returned to the civilian owners.

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